(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any measures have been taken to popularize the facility;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the total short term credit availed by the farmers of the country and of the State of Andhra Pradesh in particular; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (d) Under various State Warehousing Acts, negotiable warehouse receipts issued by warehouseman enables farmers to use grain as collateral for short term credit from banks. In order to enable the farmers to seek easy loans from Banks, Government has taken necessary legal measures to bring uniformity and to make warehouse receipt fully negotiable. Training and awareness programme has been launched to popularize the facility and create awareness amongst farmers and other stakeholders. During 2006-07, total short term credit purveyed to the farmers in the country was Rs.1,31,631 crore. Total short term credit availed by the farmers through Andhra Pradesh State Warehousing Corporation during 2006-07 was Rs.36.90 crore.

(e) Does not arise.

Availability of milk products

2008. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether prices of milk and milk products have been increased several times during the last two years causing undue hardship to the common man;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last two years, month-wise and year-wise;

(c) whether Government have, any proposal to impose a ban on the export of milk powder to avert the scarcity of milk in the coming months; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to ensure adequate availability of milk and milk products in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) and (b) During the last two years, price of milk and milk products have increased in some of the States and Union Territories due to an increase in production cost. Statement showing retail price of milk in various cities and major milk products (Skim Milk Powder and Ghee) in Delhi during the last two years is enclosed at Statement-I and Statement-II respectively *(See* below).

(c) and (d) Government regularly reviews the availability of milk and milk products in the country. A notification was issued on 9-2-2007 to ban export of milk powders till 30th September, 2007 to ensure availability of milk and milk products in the country, at reasonable price.

Statement-I

Monthly price of milk at selected centres during 2005-06 and 2006-07 Commodity: Milk

Unit (Rs./Lt.)

Centre	Apr. 2005	May 2005	Jun. 2005	Jul. 2005	Aug. 2005	Sep. 2005	Oct. 2005	Nov. 2005	Dec. 2005	Jan. 2006	Feb. 2006	Mar. 2006	Apr. 2006	May 2005	Jun. 2006	Jul. 2006	Aug. 2006	Sep. 2006	Oct. 2006	Nov. 2006	Dec. 2006	Jan. 2007	Feb. 2007	Mar. 2007
Shimla	17.00	17.00	14.00	15.50	14.00	13.50	13.00	14.00	13.00	16.00	1600	16.00	17.00	16.50	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
Lucknow	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	21.00	21.00	22.00	22.00
Delhi	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
Ahmedabad	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	21.00	19.00
Bhopal	18.00	18.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
Mumbai	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	15.00	15.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.00
Jaipur	12.50	12.50	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
Guwahati	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
Patna	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	15.00	15.00
Shillong	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	29.00	29.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
Aizwal	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	2aoo	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00
Bhubaneshwar	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	15.00	15.00	16.00	18.00	16.00	17.00
Kolkata	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	22.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	24.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	27.00	27.00	26.00	26.00	26.00
Agartala	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Hyderabad	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	18.00	1600	16.00	18.00	18.00
Bangalore	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
Thiruvananthapuram	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	16.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	16.00	16.00
Chennai	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	16.00

Statement-II

Average market price of Skim Milk Powder (SMP) and Ghee in Delhi during the last two years

Month	SMP	Ghee
April, 2005	92.46	128.57
May, 2005	96.75	135.42
June, 2005	95.83	132.34
July, 2005	92.46	131.86
August, 2005	88.96	130.35
September, 2005	86.79	130.14
October, 2005	82.21	131.32
November, 2005	82.92	126.07
December, 2005	81.96	118.56
January, 2006	90.96	122.29
February, 2006	95.92	125.86
March, 2006	98.03	128.51
April, 2006	103.78	134.29
May, 2006	106.54	138.57
June, 2006	105.68	139.00
July, 2006	107.58	145.28
August, 2006	114.86	151.93
September, 2006	120.66	159.77
October, 2006	126.07	165.81
November, 2006	110.53	135.38
December, 2006	111.60.	134.16
January, 2007	123.73	142.25
February, 2007	113.73	137.56
March, 2007 *	116.13	138.16